

49. (new claim) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said nucleic acid
molecules comprise a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of (a), (b), and (d).

REMARKS

Patent claims 1-22 and new claims 23-41 were pending at the time of the Final Rejection. All pending claims were rejected in the Final Rejection. All rejections were maintained in the Advisory Action, and newly submitted claims 42-48 were indicated as not entered. Patent claims 1-3, 6-14, and 18-22 are amended herein. New claims 23-48 are amended herein. New claim 49 is added herein.

In conformance with MPEP §1453 regarding amendments of reissue claims, applicants have made amendments as follows: Patent claims 1-3, and 6-14, and 18-22 were amended by underscored insertions and bracketed deletions. Claims 23-48, not being original patent claims, were amended by cancellation of the claims presented in the reissue application and submitting amended claims entirely underscored without indication of additions or deletions.

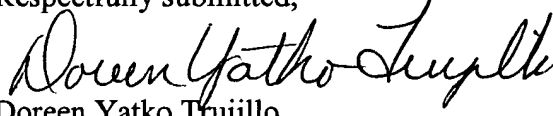
Patent claims 1-3, 6-14, and 18-22 and added claims 23-48 were amended, and new claim 49 was added, consistent with many of the Examiner's suggestions in the Advisory Action referenced above. Claim 49 is claim 46 as suggested by the Examiner in the Advisory Action. Consistent with reissue practice, it seemed preferable to add the subject of the suggested claim as a new claim rather than completely re-write the previous claims. All amendments were made to address the issues of indefiniteness raised by the Examiner.

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It is expected that the application is now in condition for allowance. Please call the undersigned attorney if there are any outstanding issues or questions.

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